IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A reconfigurable spatial light modulator system arrangement comprising:

a controller (4) for holding a compensated pattern;

an incident light source;

at least one first-spatial light modulator (3), the at least one spatial light modulator having a plurality of addressable-pixels, controlled by the controller (4) each pixel being capable of modulating incident light and collectively replicating the compensated pattern;

a scatter plate (5) of known characteristics-<u>in an optical path between the incident light</u>
source and an observer or detector; for scattering light from the first spatial light modulator (3);
optical means (6, 12) for directing light scattered by the scatter plate (5) and presenting a pattern
(7) to an observer or detector;

the arrangement being adapted to present light propagating from a spatial light modulator to the observer or detector; and

the <u>pattern being a pattern compensated compensated pattern being related according</u> to both the scatter plate characteristics and to the <u>pattern presented to the observer or detector</u>.

- 2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the scatter plate 5 has a number of surface features greater than the number of pixels on the first at least one spatial light modulator 3.
- 3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the controller (4) stores precalculated compensated pattern for each pattern to be displayed.
- 4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the controller (4) is a computer with storage and means for calculating a compensated pattern for each pattern to be displayed.

- 5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the controller (4) is a computer with storage and means for calculating both a computer generated hologram from a human readable format and a compensated pattern for each pattern to be displayed.
- 6. (Currently amended) The display-system of claim 1 wherein the at least one of the at least one first-spatial light modulators (3) is an electrically addressable liquid crystal spatial light modulator (EASLM) operable either in transmissive or reflective mode.
- 7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 6 wherein the system comprises at least two spatial light modulators arranged such that light from a first spatial light modulator is directed towards a second spatial light modulator, the second spatial light modulator being an and further comprising a second spatial light modulator having a plurality of optically addressable pixels forming an optically addressable spatial light modulator (11) arranged to receive light from the first spatial light modulator (3) and modulate such received light onto the scatter plate (5).
- 8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the optically addressable spatial light modulator (11) is a plurality (14) of individual optically addressable spatial light modulators (11) connected together in a tiled manner.
- 9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8 and including a scanner (15) for scanning light from the electrically addressable spatial light modulator (3) onto each individual modulator (11) in a sequence.
- 10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the plurality of individual modulators (11) is operable either in transmission or reflective mode.
- 11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the incident light source is provided by comprises one or more light sources (1) at one or more different wavelengths or broadband (white) light.

- 12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the incident light source is a single light source adapted to provided light to all pixels in at least one of the first-spatial light modulators by a single light source (1).
- 13. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the incident light <u>source</u> is a <u>laser adapted to provided light</u> to all pixels in <u>at least one of</u> the <u>first</u>-spatial light modulators. by a laser light source (1).
- 14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the incident light source is provided by comprises one or more optical fibres.
 - 15. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 and further including a detector (8).
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the detector is an array of detector elements.
 - 17. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the detector is a bundle of optical fibres.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the detector is a screen for receiving an image and viewing by an observer.
- 19. (Currently amended) A method of providing a holographic image (7) to an observer (8) including the steps of:

providing a holographic engine (4) for storing a computer generated hologram pattern of an image to be displayed;

providing a spatial light modulator (3) having a large number of addressable pixels each capable blocking or passing light under the control of the engine (4);

controlling the spatial light modulator (3) so that the observer (8) receives a holographic image;

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providing a light scattering plate (5) of known characteristics to modify light from the spatial light modulator (3) and;

calculating and providing a compensated computer generated hologram pattern of an image to compensate for the known characteristics of the scattering plate (3) so that an observer (8) receives a holographic image (7).

- 20. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the compensated pattern is calculated using a direct binary search algorithm.
- 21. (Currently amended) A method of increasing the range of diffraction angles from a computer designed diffraction structure including the steps of:

providing a holographic engine (4) for storing a computer generated pattern of a structure to be displayed;

providing a spatial light modulator (3) having a large number of addressable pixels each capable of modulating light under the control of the engine (4);

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providing a light scattering plate (3) of known characteristics to modify light from the spatial light modulator (3) and;

calculating and providing a compensated computer generated pattern of a diffractive structure to compensate for the known characteristics of the scattering plate so that an increased range of diffraction angles are obtained.